

1 **Household secondary attack rates of SARS-CoV-2 by variant and vaccination status: an updated
2 systematic review and meta-analysis**

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17 Summary: Household secondary attack rates (SARs) were higher for Alpha and Delta variants than
18 previous estimates. SARs were higher to unvaccinated contacts than to partially or fully vaccinated
19 contacts and were higher from unvaccinated index cases than from fully vaccinated index cases.

20 **Abstract**

21 We previously reported a household secondary attack rate (SAR) for SARS-CoV-2 of 18.9% through
22 June 17, 2021. To examine how emerging variants and increased vaccination have affected transmission
23 rates, we searched PubMed from June 18, 2021, through January 7, 2022. Meta-analyses used generalized
24 linear mixed models to obtain SAR estimates and 95%CI, disaggregated by several covariates. SARs
25 were used to estimate vaccine effectiveness based on the transmission probability for susceptibility
26 ($VE_{S,p}$), infectiousness ($VE_{I,p}$), and total vaccine effectiveness ($VE_{T,p}$). Household SAR for 27 studies
27 with midpoints in 2021 was 35.8% (95%CI, 30.6%-41.3%), compared to 15.7% (95%CI, 13.3%-18.4%)
28 for 62 studies with midpoints through April 2020. Household SARs were 38.0% (95%CI, 36.0%-40.0%),
29 30.8% (95%CI, 23.5%-39.3%), and 22.5% (95%CI, 18.6%-26.8%) for Alpha, Delta, and Beta,
30 respectively. $VE_{I,p}$, $VE_{S,p}$, and $VE_{T,p}$ were 56.6% (95%CI, 28.7%-73.6%), 70.3% (95%CI, 59.3%-
31 78.4%), and 86.8% (95%CI, 76.7%-92.5%) for full vaccination, and 27.5% (95%CI, -6.4%-50.7%),
32 43.9% (95%CI, 21.8%-59.7%), and 59.9% (95%CI, 34.4%-75.5%) for partial vaccination, respectively.
33 Household contacts exposed to Alpha or Delta are at increased risk of infection compared to the original
34 wild-type strain. Vaccination reduced susceptibility to infection and transmission to others.

35 **Introduction**

36 A previous systematic review and meta-analysis of household transmission of SARS-CoV-2
37 published through June 17, 2021 reported an overall secondary attack rate (SAR) of 18.9% (95% CI,
38 16.2%-22.0%) [1]. Emerging variants of concern and increased vaccination have affected transmission
39 rates. Delta (B.1.617.2) became the predominant variant in many parts of the world and Omicron
40 (B.1.1.529) poses additional challenges given its high level of spike mutations and increased potential for
41 transmissibility [2, 3]. Other variants of concern include Alpha (B.1.1.7), Beta (B.1.351), and Gamma
42 (P.1).

43 Vaccine efficacies against symptomatic disease and death have been demonstrated in randomized
44 controlled trials [4] and vaccine effectiveness has been corroborated in large observational studies in
45 Denmark [5], Israel [6], and the United Kingdom [7]. Household studies can supplement efficacy trials to
46 determine vaccine effectiveness. Vaccine studies based on secondary attack rates (SARs) can be used to
47 estimate the protective effectiveness of a vaccine in vaccinated susceptible contacts compared to
48 unvaccinated susceptible contacts who are exposed to an infected index case ($VE_{S,p}$) [8, 9]. Household
49 studies also enable estimation of vaccine effectiveness in reducing infectiousness ($VE_{I,p}$) by comparing
50 SARs from vaccinated and from unvaccinated index cases to household contacts, which was done for
51 pertussis [10]. Total vaccine effectiveness ($VE_{T,p}$), or the combined effect of direct vaccine protection and
52 indirect vaccine effectiveness, can also be estimated. It is unknown how effective the SARS-CoV-2
53 vaccines are in reducing susceptibility and infectiousness in the confines of the household where there is
54 prolonged close contact between household members and index cases. Here, we aggregate evidence of
55 household contact tracing studies to evaluate SARs for variants of concern and by index case or contact
56 vaccination status.

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58 **Methods**

59 This study followed the Preferred Reporting Items for Systematic Reviews and Meta-analyses
60 (PRISMA) reporting guideline using the same definitions and eligibility criteria as our original study [11].
61 Our last review identified studies published through June 17, 2018 [1]. Herein, we searched PubMed and
62 reference lists of eligible studies between June 18, 2021, and January 7, 2022, with no restrictions on
63 language, study design, or place of publication. Search terms were: "SARS-CoV-2", "COVID-19",
64 "severe acute respiratory syndrome", "SARS", "SARS-CoV", "coronavirus", "variant", "vaccination",
65 "immunization", "secondary attack rate", "secondary infection rate", "household", "family contacts",
66 "close contacts", "index case", "contact transmission", "contact attack rate", and "family transmission"
67 (S1 Table). Pre-prints were included. Citations were managed in EndNote 20 (Thomson Reuters, Toronto,
68 CA).

69 Articles with original data that reported at least 2 of the following factors were included: number
70 of infected household contacts, total number of household contacts, and household secondary attack rates.
71 Studies that reported infection prevalence, included populations that overlapped with another included
72 study, and tested contacts using antibody tests only or using antibody tests and another test but did not
73 disaggregate SARs by test were excluded. We first screened studies by titles and abstracts to identify
74 potential studies for inclusion. That reviewer then evaluated full-text articles and selected those that met
75 the inclusion criteria.

76 For this study, we extracted the following information: first author, location, index case
77 identification period, number of index cases, index case symptom status, household/family contact type,
78 test used to diagnose contacts, universal/symptomatic testing, number of tests per contact, and follow-up
79 duration. We also extracted the number of infected household contacts and total number of household
80 contacts and disaggregated by covariates including variant, index case vaccination status, household
81 contact vaccination status, and vaccine type.

82 To examine temporal patterns, we assessed household SARs by index case identification period
83 midpoint. We restricted this analysis to laboratory-confirmed infections and SARs from unvaccinated
84 index cases to unvaccinated household contacts to observe how transmission patterns changed

85 independent of vaccination. Next, we evaluated household SARs by variants that were reported in ≥ 2
86 studies regardless of vaccination status and restricted to SARs from unvaccinated index cases to
87 unvaccinated contacts for comparison with SAR estimates from our original analyses of the
88 predominantly wild-type variant [1, 11].

89 Traditionally, vaccine efficacies for reducing susceptibility and infectiousness are estimated as
90 $VE_{S,p} = 1 - SAR_{01}/SAR_{00}$ and $VE_{I,p} = 1 - SAR_{10}/SAR_{00}$ respectively, where SAR_{ij} is the SAR
91 associated with vaccine status i (1=vaccinated, 0=unvaccinated) for the index case and j for the
92 household contact [8]. The total vaccine effectiveness is defined as $VE_{T,p} = 1 - (1 - VE_{S,p})(1 - VE_{I,p})$.
93 We examined SARs by index case vaccination status (unvaccinated, partially vaccinated, fully
94 vaccinated, all) and household contact vaccination status (unvaccinated, partially vaccinated, fully
95 vaccinated, all). The resultant SARs were used to estimate $VE_{S,p}$, $VE_{I,p}$, and $VE_{T,p}$. We created forest
96 plots of SARs by index case vaccination status to all household contacts regardless of vaccination status
97 and restricted to unvaccinated contacts only. We also created forest plots of SARs by contact vaccination
98 status from all index cases regardless of vaccination status and from unvaccinated index cases only.
99 Furthermore, we evaluated SARs by vaccine type and vaccination status for index cases and/or household
100 contacts if reported in ≥ 2 studies. Finally, we evaluated SARs by variant and vaccination status for index
101 cases and/or household contacts if reported in ≥ 2 studies.

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103 *Evaluation of Study Quality and Risk of Bias*

104 To assess study quality and risk of bias, we used the same modified version of the Newcastle-
105 Ottawa quality assessment scale used by Fung *et al.* and in our first analysis [11, 12]. Studies received up
106 to 9 points based on participant selection (4 points), study comparability (1 point), and outcome of
107 interest (4 points). Studies were classified as having high (≤ 3 points), moderate (4-6 points), and low (≥ 7
108 points) risk of bias. When at least 10 studies were available, we also used funnel plots and Begg and
109 Mazumdar's rank correlation to evaluate publication bias with significance set at $P < 0.10$ [13].

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111 *Statistical Analysis*

112 We used generalized linear mixed-effects models to obtain SAR estimates and 95% CIs. For
113 comparisons across covariate subgroups (variant, index case vaccination status, household contact
114 vaccination status, vaccine type), study was treated as a random effect and the covariate as a fixed effect
115 moderator. For analyses of SARs by index case vaccination status and contact vaccination status,
116 comparisons between subgroups (e.g., fully vaccinated versus unvaccinated index cases) were restricted
117 to pairwise analyses (studies in which SARs were reported from both fully vaccinated and unvaccinated
118 index cases). For vaccine effectiveness measures, we also used generalized linear mixed models to obtain
119 the logit of the SAR and corresponding sampling variances, which were back-transformed to obtain VE
120 summary estimates and 95% CIs. Heterogeneity was measured using the I^2 statistic, with thresholds of
121 25%, 50%, and 75% indicating low, moderate, and high heterogeneity, respectively. All analyses were
122 performed using the metafor package in R software, version 4.1.2 (R Foundation for Statistical
123 Computing) [14, 15]. Statistical significance was set at a 2-tailed P -value ≤ 0.05 .

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125 **Results**

126 We identified 1,291 records (1,281 from PubMed and 10 from reference lists of eligible articles)
127 published between June 18, 2021 and January 7, 2022 (S1 Figure). Forty-eight new studies [16-64] were
128 included in this review (S2 Table), 4 of which were preprints in our previous review that were
129 subsequently published [53-55, 64].

130 Forty-nine new studies[16-64] were combined with 77 studies from our previous review [1] for
131 our analysis of household SAR by study period (5 studies were excluded that did not include laboratory-
132 confirmed infections and 1 that included only asymptomatic index cases), resulting in 126 total studies
133 representing 1,437,696 contacts from 35 countries (see S3 Table for references). Figure 1 demonstrates
134 large heterogeneity in SAR over time but estimates with midpoints after July 2020 are generally higher
135 than the earliest estimates. The household SAR for 27 studies with midpoints in 2021 was 35.8% (95%CI,

136 30.6%-41.3%), whereas the household SAR for 62 studies with midpoints through April 2020 was 15.7%
137 (95%CI, 13.3%-18.4%). Begg and Mazumdar's rank correlation was statistically significant for studies in
138 2021 ($P=0.001$), but not studies through April 2020 (S2 Figure). Excluding one study in 2021 [54] that
139 had a relatively low SAR improved the funnel plot symmetry and resulted in a SAR of 33.9% (95%CI,
140 29.4%-38.7%) for studies with midpoints in 2021. When restricting to unvaccinated contacts only, the
141 household SAR for studies with midpoints in 2021 was 35.4% (95%CI, 30.0%-41.2%).

142 Eight new studies [23, 28, 31, 39, 50, 52, 55, 56] were combined with 1 study [65] from our
143 previous review for our analysis of Alpha variant. Figure 2 summarizes results from these 9 studies as
144 well as 12 [23, 25, 29, 32, 41, 43, 48, 52, 56, 61-63] and 3 [20, 23, 56] new studies reporting household
145 SARs for Delta and Beta variants, respectively. Estimated mean household SAR for Alpha was 38.0%
146 (95%CI, 36.0%-40.0%), Delta was 30.8% (95%CI, 23.5%-39.3%), and Beta was 22.5% (95%CI, 18.6%-
147 26.8%) (Figure 2). SARs between Alpha/Delta and Delta/Beta were not significantly different, but Alpha
148 was significantly higher than Beta ($P<0.001$). High heterogeneity was found among studies for Delta
149 (98.0%), and low for Alpha (16.7%) and Beta (2.6%). Begg correlation was not significant for studies of
150 Delta (S3 Figure). SARs did not significantly change for Alpha (37.8%, 95%CI, 35.7%-39.9%) (5
151 studies) [23, 28, 31, 50, 55] or Delta (27.0%, 95%CI, 18.5%-37.4%) (7 studies) [23, 29, 32, 43, 48, 61,
152 62] when restricting to studies with low risk of bias (S4 Table). Restricting to unvaccinated contacts only,
153 mean estimated SAR for Delta was 34.9% (95%CI, 26.7%-44.1%) (S4 Figure).

154 Eight studies [24, 26, 34, 39, 43, 48, 54, 62] reported SARs by vaccination status of the index
155 case to all household contacts regardless of vaccination status, seven of which were at low risk of bias and
156 one was moderate (Figure 3). Overall estimated mean SAR was 26.6% (95%CI, 18.7%-36.4%) from
157 unvaccinated (8 studies) [24, 26, 34, 39, 43, 48, 54, 62], 16.2% (95%CI, 8.3%-29.4%) from partially
158 vaccinated (5 studies) [24, 43, 48, 54, 62], and 14.4% (95% CI: 10.5%-19.4%) from fully vaccinated (7
159 studies) [24, 26, 34, 39, 43, 48, 62] index cases to household contacts. For 7 paired studies [24, 26, 34, 39,
160 43, 48, 62], estimated mean SAR from unvaccinated index cases (29.9%; 95%CI, 23.0%-37.7%) was
161 significantly higher than from fully vaccinated index cases ($P<0.001$). For 5 paired studies [24, 43, 48,

162 54, 62], SARs were not significantly different from unvaccinated index cases (19.7%; 95%CI, 13.9%-
163 27.3%) than from partially vaccinated index cases. Three studies included only Delta infections [43, 48,
164 62]. Restricting to those 3 studies, we found no significant difference in SAR by index case vaccination
165 status to all contacts regardless of vaccination status. Excluding those 3 studies, the estimated mean SAR
166 was significantly higher from unvaccinated index cases (36.3%; 95%CI, 31.3%-41.6%) than from fully
167 vaccinated index cases (10.7%; 95%CI, 9.0%-12.8%) ($P<0.001$) (4 paired studies) [24, 26, 34, 39], but
168 not from partially vaccinated index cases (2 paired studies) [24, 54]. Restricting to unvaccinated
169 household contacts, SARs were also significantly higher from unvaccinated index cases (30.9%, 95%CI,
170 23.9%-38.8%) than from fully vaccinated index cases (12.0%, 95%CI, 10.0%-14.2%) ($P<0.001$) (4 paired
171 studies) [24, 26, 48, 62], but not from partially vaccinated index cases (3 paired studies) [24, 54, 62] (S5
172 Figure). SARs were generally lower from fully vaccinated index cases regardless of contact vaccination
173 status (S6 Figure). Direct comparison of these studies is compromised, however, because of differences
174 between studies in terms of vaccine types, definition of vaccination status (e.g., time elapsed since
175 vaccination or dosage) (S5 Table), vaccination coverage among contacts, characteristics of the study
176 population, duration of follow-up, diagnostic procedures and tools, location, magnitude of the pandemic,
177 and circulating variants.

178 Figure 4 summarizes 9 studies [24, 26, 34, 38, 43, 48, 56, 62, 63] reporting household SARs by
179 contact vaccination status regardless of index case vaccination status, eight of which were at low risk of
180 bias and two were moderate. Overall estimated mean SAR was 33.8% (95%CI, 28.0%-40.2%) to
181 unvaccinated contacts (9 studies) [24, 26, 34, 38, 43, 48, 56, 62, 63], 23.7% (95%CI, 19.1%-28.9%) to
182 partially vaccinated contacts (6 studies) [24, 38, 43, 48, 56, 63], and 14.1% (95%CI, 10.6%-18.6%) to
183 fully vaccinated contacts (9 studies) [24, 26, 34, 38, 43, 48, 56, 62, 63]. In the 9 paired studies, estimated
184 mean household SARs were significantly higher to unvaccinated contacts than to fully vaccinated
185 contacts ($P<0.001$). For 6 paired studies [24, 38, 43, 48, 56, 63], SARs were significantly higher to
186 unvaccinated contacts (33.1%, 95%CI, 27.8%-38.8%) than to partially vaccinated contacts ($P=0.020$), but
187 SARs were not significantly different to partially vaccinated contacts than to fully vaccinated contacts

188 (16.6%, 95%CI, 11.9%-22.9%). SARs were consistent when restricting to only unvaccinated index cases
189 (4 studies [24, 26, 48, 62]) (S7 Figure). When restricting to 4 studies [43, 48, 62, 63] that targeted Delta,
190 SARs were also significantly higher to unvaccinated contacts (24.4%, 95%CI, 19.3%-30.4%) than to fully
191 vaccinated contacts (14.3%, 95%CI, 9.3%-21.3%) ($P=0.027$). We also estimated vaccine effectiveness
192 based on the SARs (Table 1).

193 Next, we examined SARs by vaccine type and index case vaccination status regardless of
194 vaccination status of household contacts. SARs were included in 2 studies [26, 39] for BNT162b2 and the
195 mean estimated SAR from fully vaccinated index cases was 8.3% (95%CI, 5.6%-12.1%) compared to
196 35.9% from unvaccinated index cases (95%CI, 34.1%-37.6%) (S8 Figure).

197 We also examined SARs by vaccine type and contact vaccination status regardless of index case
198 vaccination status (3 studies [24, 38, 56]). Mean estimated SAR to household contacts fully vaccinated
199 with Ad26.COV2.S (1 dose) (42.7%, 95% CI: 13.6%-77.9%) ($P=0.005$) or BNT162b2 (15.8%, 95%CI,
200 15.0%-16.7%) ($P<0.001$) was significantly higher than to contacts fully vaccinated with mRNA-1273 (2
201 doses) (6.2%, 95% CI: 2.8%-13.0%) (S9 Figure). Additionally, mean estimated SAR was higher to
202 contacts partially vaccinated with ChAdOx1-S (29.5%, 95% CI: 24.0%-35.7%) than contacts partially
203 vaccinated with mRNA-1273 (17.5%, 95%CI, 13.7%-22.3%) ($P=0.008$). There was no significant
204 difference in SAR to contacts fully vaccinated for ChAdOx1-S and BNT162b2, Ad26.COV2.S, or
205 mRNA-1273; or to contacts partially vaccinated for BNT162b2 and mRNA-1273 or ChAdOx1-S.

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207 Discussion

208 We aggregated household studies to examine how variants of concern and vaccination affected
209 household transmission rates of SARS-CoV-2. Household SARs from fully vaccinated index cases were
210 lower than from unvaccinated index cases. Fully and partially vaccinated household contacts were less
211 susceptible to SARS-CoV-2 infection than unvaccinated contacts. SARs for Delta and Alpha were
212 significantly higher than estimates for the original wild-type variant.

213 Several individual studies included in this analysis reported that full vaccination of index cases
214 significantly reduced the risk of transmission to household contacts [24, 34]. Conversely, other studies
215 included in this analysis reported that vaccination status of the index case was not associated with
216 household contact infection [43, 48]. A meta-analysis allows us to aggregate all the evidence of index
217 case vaccination status from multiple studies and control for differences between the studies. We found
218 lower transmission to household contacts from fully vaccinated index cases than from unvaccinated index
219 cases, but not from partially vaccinated index cases. An observational cohort study from England which
220 included contacts outside the household also reported that two doses of BNT162b2 or ChAdOx1 reduced
221 onward transmission of Delta, but by less than Alpha, and the impact of vaccination against onward
222 transmission waned over time [66]. Our estimate for $VE_{I,p}$ of 56.6% was within the 41%-79% range
223 reported for VE_I from a modeling study that used household data from Israel before Delta became
224 widespread [67]. Potential mechanisms for reduced infectiousness following vaccination include
225 decreases in the respiratory tract viral load and severity of symptoms [68].

226 Fully vaccinated and partially vaccinated contacts had significantly lower SARs than
227 unvaccinated contacts. Other observational studies demonstrated reduced susceptibility to infection
228 among high risk or household contacts vaccinated with BNT162b2 or ChAdOx1 in Scotland [69],
229 BNT162b2 in Sweden [70], and BNT162b2 or mRNA-1273 in Belgium [71]. Studies have reported that
230 full vaccination with mRNA vaccines or ChAdOx1 effectively prevent infection against the original wild-
231 type, Alpha, and Beta variants, but are less protective against infection for Delta [72, 73]. Our estimates
232 of $VE_{S,p}$ (70.3%, 95%CI, 59.3%-78.4%) and $VE_{T,p}$ (86.8%, 95%CI, 76.7%-92.5%) were slightly lower
233 than the age-adjusted VE_S (80.5%, 95%CI, 78.9%-82.1%) and VE_T (88.5%, 95%CI, 82.3%-94.8%)
234 reported by *Prunas et al* [67]. Myriad factors preclude our ability to make direct comparisons of vaccine
235 effectiveness across studies including differences in the study population (e.g., age, comorbidities,
236 serostatus), viral characteristics, vaccine type, time period defining vaccination status, intensity of the
237 epidemic, community behavior, and use of nonpharmaceutical interventions (masks, social distancing)

238 [74]. For example, in this analysis *Singanayagam et al.* [48] included households of any size with
239 contacts ≥ 5 years, whereas *Gazit et al.* [26] restricted to households with only one contact other than the
240 index case. Moreover, *Ng et al.* in Singapore reported that all identified close contacts were placed under
241 a legally-binding quarantine for 14 days during which they were not allowed to leave their homes [43],
242 whereas contacts in other studies may have had a higher risk of infection outside the household.

243 With the addition of 49 studies since our last review [1], we observed higher SARs in 2021 than
244 earlier in the pandemic. This pattern may be attributed in part to the emergence of more contagious
245 variants. SAR estimates for Alpha (38.0%) and Delta (30.8%) variants were both higher than the overall
246 SAR previously reported (18.9%) for study periods earlier in the pandemic when the wild-type variant
247 was prevalent [1]. Public Health England (PHE), which tracks SARs for variants of concern and variants
248 of interest regardless of vaccination status for index cases and household contacts, found SARs similar for
249 Alpha (10.2%, 95%CI, 10.1%-10.3%) and Delta (10.4%, 95%CI, 10.4%-10.5%) variants [75]. They note,
250 however, that direct comparisons between variants are not valid as vaccination levels and social
251 restrictions in England have varied over this period. Similarly, SARs for Delta and Alpha were not
252 significantly different in this study even when restricting to unvaccinated contacts only, which may be
253 partially attributed to an increase in population immunity consequent to infection. A prospective cohort
254 study [22] and case-control study [76] in England demonstrated increased household transmission for
255 Delta compared to Alpha. Increased transmissibility may be attributed to higher viral loads, shorter
256 incubation periods, and mutations in the spike glycoprotein of the virus, which may confer immune
257 escape potential [77]. Delta infections produced more viral RNA copies per mL than Alpha infections
258 [78], its *in vitro* replication rate is higher than Alpha [79], and its spike protein binds more efficiently to
259 the host cell entry receptor ACE2 protein [80].

260 There was large heterogeneity in SARs over time which may be attributed to variations in study
261 methods, environmental factors, and contact patterns. Comparisons of SARs by vaccination status
262 between studies were also hindered by differences between studies and there were few studies
263 disaggregating SARs by both vaccination status of the index cases and contacts. The studies included in

264 this review are from contact tracing investigations which are more likely to identify symptomatic index
265 cases than asymptomatic individuals, which could inflate the crude SAR. This may also underestimate the
266 reduction in transmission from vaccination for people infected with Delta [81]. Our analyses by vaccine
267 type and Beta variant were limited to three studies. There was insufficient data to determine vaccine
268 effectiveness for specific subgroups (e.g., by age group) and whether that varied by variant.

269 Household contacts exposed to Delta or Alpha variants are at increased risk of infection
270 compared to the original wild-type variant from Wuhan. Vaccination was demonstrated to reduce
271 susceptibility to infection and infectiousness. The household remains an important venue of transmission
272 for SARS-CoV-2. Other public health measures such as hygiene, increased testing, isolation, and
273 improved ventilation may help limit its spread. Preliminary analyses from PHE demonstrate increased
274 odds of household transmission from Omicron index cases than from Delta index cases, adjusting for
275 index case vaccination status and other factors [82]. A study from Denmark reported higher transmission
276 rates for Omicron than Delta for fully vaccinated individuals but not unvaccinated individuals [61]. The
277 transmissibility and virulence of Omicron is only now being elucidated and other variants are likely to
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499 **Figure Legends**

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501 **Figure 1. Household secondary attack rates over time (by study midpoint), 126 studies**
502 (**unvaccinated index cases, unvaccinated contacts**). Restricted to laboratory-confirmed results only.
503 The blue line is a loess smoothing line and bands are 95% confidence intervals. Bicolored points
504 represent studies with 2 predominant variants.

505 **Figure 2. Household secondary attack rates for Alpha (B.1.1.7), Delta (B.1.617.2), and Beta**
506 (**B.1.351**) variants.

507 **Figure 3. Household secondary attack rates by index case vaccination status.** All contacts are
508 included regardless of vaccination status. *For Harris *et al.*, most of the vaccinated index cases (93%) had
509 received only the first dose of vaccine and secondary attack rates were not disaggregated by dose.

510 **Figure 4. Household secondary attack rates by contact vaccination status.** All index cases are
511 included regardless of vaccination status.

Table 1. Estimated vaccine effectiveness (95%CI) estimates from household secondary attack rates.

Vaccine effectiveness	Full Vaccination	Partial Vaccination
$VE_{I,p}$	56.6% (28.7%-73.6%)	27.5% (-6.4%-50.7%)
$VE_{S,p}$	70.3% (59.3%-78.4%)	43.9% (21.8%-59.7%)
$VE_{T,p}$	86.8% (76.7%-92.5%)	59.9% (34.4%-75.5%)

$VE_{I,p}$: vaccine effectiveness for infectiousness based on the transmission probability p ; $VE_{S,p}$: vaccine effectiveness for susceptibility; $VE_{T,p}$: total vaccine effectiveness







